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As a consumer with some computer experience, I'd like to say that I disagree with the Department of Justice's decision to settle its anti-trust case with Microsoft.

I will not refer to arguments that have been made by those more knowledgeable than I; I will simply address what I know.

If I want to do anything with a computer, it must be running a Windows variant.

To me, this is the essence of a monopoly. In the current environment, only MS-compatible software is viable. I use Windows, and I use a lot of MS products. However, I do so out of necessity rather than preference.

I suggest you discuss this case with consumer rights' advocates, like Ralph Nader, and with knowledgeable consumers, like those in the slashdot.org community.

Thank you for your time.

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